

September 2022

Bethel Tidings

From the Pastor's Desk

Can you believe it, we are already into September? School has started, and the days are beginning to be cooler. Football games are beginning. Autumn is moving forward.

The last sermon series, "Prophet Margins," gave us a different look into the scriptures. We read Amos, Isaiah, Kings, and finally Jeremiah. I hope you can gain a new perspective on the Bible message. Looking at the stories we read, I think we can place ourselves in the shoes of the nations of the Prophets we are addressing. I guess we can say that history repeats itself-sometimes thousands of years later. The overall message has been, "God is on our side-until we're not." God is on our side, but sometimes we wander away. Sometimes we are off track-that's what sin means; off track.

I hope that, at the very least, the series has gotten you to pause and reflect on where you are on your discipleship journey. Are you following a disciple plan - or have you decided to go on your own?

In September, we will follow a new series called "Having words with Jesus." It is called "Having words with Jesus" to reflect a variety of moods and meanings. Maybe we want to argue, turn away, or give up. Or perhaps we want to know, to spend some time in His presence to understand, explore, and finally, to hear.

This month is a call to listen again, even to the more difficult passages we sometimes want to skip over. I look forward to joining you this month as we have words with Jesus in worship.

Our sermon topics will be:

Week 1- Counting the cost. Luke: 14:25-33

Week 2- Finding the lost. Luke 15:1-10

Week 3- Debts are tossed. Luke 16:1-13

Week 4- Gulf is crossed. Luke 16:19-31

This is a great time to remind ourselves of our commitment to make and to be made into disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Peace,
Pastor Jim

Women at the Well



Women at the Well and Friends will resume their weekly Wednesday gatherings on Wednesday, September 7th at 11:00 AM. Meetings will resume at 10:00 AM after the first meeting, with one Wednesday a month reserved for a lunch gathering at a local restaurant. The group will resume the study *The Chosen*, a video based study that includes watching a one hour video presentation one week, followed by a one hour discussion of the video the next week. Everyone is welcome to join the group for this study and no prior notice is needed.

In September, we will meet for brunch on September 21st at Hoffman's All American Grill, 18203 Mason Dixon Road, Hagerstown.

All are welcome. Please RSVP to Bev by e-mail shanda@myactv.net, phone 301-739-6270, or in person, by Monday, September 19th so she can call in a reservation.

F.R.O.G. (Fully Rely On God) Sunday School for grades 4 - 8 will restart in October. Youth Fellowship is Sundays after church on the 2nd & 4th Sundays monthly from approximately 11:30 to 12:30. You can call the office 301-733-8387 to ask for details or you can see the online info @ <https://tinyurl.com/y7g752ut>



Supporting our Homebound

He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

~Micah 6:8

The next homebound birthdays: will be in October.

Food Pantry/Blessing Box Update



*A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.
Proverbs 11:25*

Hello Bethel family.

A big thanks going out to you for your gifts of love. We are doing pretty well but do have a few needs yet. Canned chicken, tuna, Treet or Spam, generic or name brand Spaghettios. Instant bags of mashed potatoes. Pasta side dishes, rice sides and always popular chicken ramen noodles. Our mission at Bethel has really touched the needs of our community. We have also placed in the box info about our church and services.

We are so blessed to have so many helpers work the blessing box. Mary Gross , Pam Brubaker, Melissa Metzger and Judy Hoffman. A special thank you to them for their services.

Your sister in Christ, Elaine Snyder

The Lions Club International

The Chewsville Lions Club under the direction of President Ken Tice will meet at Bethel in the Family Life Center on regular meeting dates of the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays monthly at 6:30.



We look forward to partnering with them to serve the community of Chewsville.

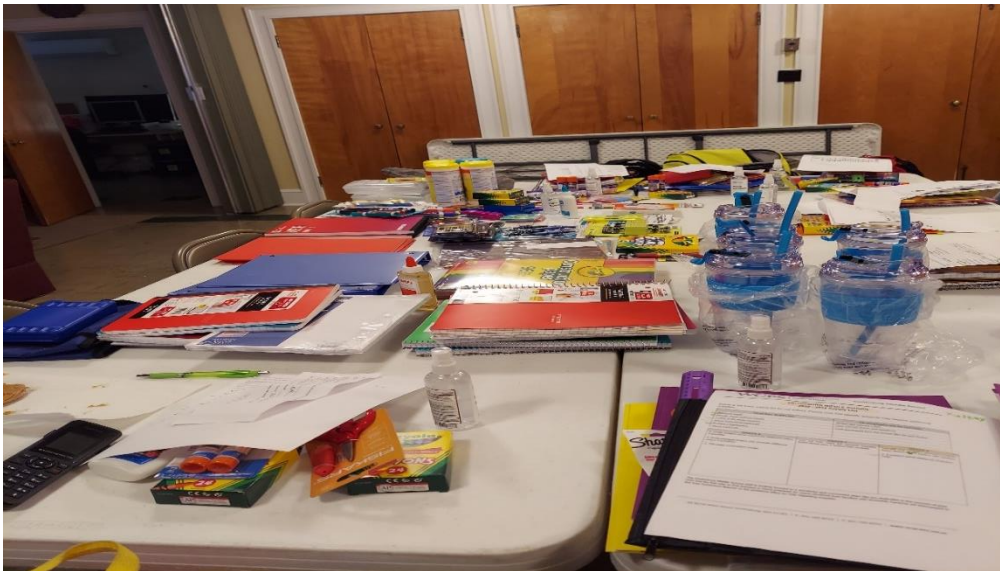
Back to School

This year we gathered supplies and distributed them to our Bethel students as well as those in need via requests in the blessing box or by contacting the office.

Your donations helped 12 children with their supplies.



Just imagine what a feeling they had to be starting back to school prepared with the items they needed.



Coat Closet:

Chewsville Community Coat Giveaway @ Bethel **Sat. Oct. 8th 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.**

It is hard to think of winter coats and accessories in August when it is sweltering hot outside but cooler weather will be here before we know it. Now is the time to stock our Bethel Coat Closet to prepare for the fall. We are in need of children and adult coats of all sizes. Please ask your friends if they happen to have any coats they would like to donate and please keep an eye out at your local yard sales. Thanks for your continued support of our coat closet.



We are Growing Back!

The Spiritual Fitness Class is meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the corner classroom under the balcony.

The Bethel Believers class is meeting Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Parlor.

Stewardship August 2022

Date	In person S.S./Church	Special Events
Aug 7	67	
Aug 14	47	
Aug 21	61	Treats on the Portico
Aug 28		



Lay Readers – Sept. 2022

Sept 4	Abby Snyder
Sept 11	Kathy Grantham
Sept 18	Marty Brubaker
Sept 25	Judy Hoffman

Call Elaine to sign up! 301-991-9759.

Treats on the Portico

It was so wonderful to see everyone enjoying each other's company. Christian fellowship is such an important part of our walk in life. So many hearts were smiling.

We are going to do this the last Sunday monthly!

Just call the office with ideas or to take a turn.



Trunk or Treat

This year Bethel will be sponsoring a Chewsville Community “Trunk or Treat”.

Plans are to have entertainment, food and games from 4 to 6 p.m. and then the “Trunks and Treats” from 6 to 8 p.m. In the safety of the Bethel parking lot.

The date is to be announced!

Hoping for live music, games, pumpkin carving, costume appreciation and maybe a food truck!

The Lions Club will be joining us as a co-sponsor of the event and will have membership information available.

NEEDED...

- Decorated vehicles – trunks
 - Candy and more candy
 - Treats of a Christian nature
- Help with games (need ideas)
- Persons to monitor the area
- Help with competitions and prizes

Currently in the planning stages (and have 4 Lions ready to meet and plan with us).

Call the office to help.

September Anniversaries:

7 – Bret & Lisa Sprecher
8 – Blair & Kim Rishell
9 – George & Debra Brandt
10 – Jon & Angie Backus
10 – Jeff & Laura Harbaugh
11 – Paul & Cathy Boyer
20 – Harvey & Connie Leisinger
21 – John & Jeanne Dinterman



September Birthdays:

1 – Maria Axline
1 – Dale Beard
5 – Madalyn Kershner
5 – Ronald Shanholtz
6 – Abbie Barnhart
9 – Larry Belella
9 – David Brandenburg
11 – Brian Augustine
12 – Nora Rose Boyer
13 – Diana Leatherman
14 – Kristen Akin
16 – Lou Bachtell
20 – Stephanie Belella
22 – Steven Young
23 - Gary Johnson
23 – Allison Palmer
25 – Debra Brandt
25 – Jon Snyder
26 – Linda Sokol
28 – Paul Gantz
28 – Christie Phillips
30 – Mike Morgan



*Homebound
- see Caring Connections
for the address.

(none in September)

September 2022						
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday				1	2	3
					6:00 Girl Scouts/Parlor & Upstairs x 3	9:00 AA
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship	Labor Day Office Closed	6:00 Lions Club /FLC	10:00 All Women Together/Parlor 11:00 W@W/Parlor			9:00 AA
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Baptism & New Members/ lunch, Communion 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship	7:00 Ad Council		10:00 W@W/Parlor		6:00 Girl Scouts/Parlor & Upstairs x3	9:00 AA
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship	Newsletter Deadline	6:00 Lions Club /FLC	11:00 W@W lunch at Hoffman's	9:00 Piano tuning	11:30 Blood Drive/ FLC	9:00 AA
25	26	27	28	29	30	
9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship Treats on the Portico			10:00 W@W/Parlor			

Bethel United Methodist Church Chewsville

Our Mission: To be the people of God on the move for Jesus and to transform the world by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our Vision: To be the Church of Jesus Christ to all God's children through discipleship grounded in God's Holy Word. We pledge to God and each other to accomplish our mission: Through prayer, worship and education, we will be seekers of God's will. Through witness, we will kindle the fire of spiritual and physical growth. Through Christian community we will love, nurture and support each other and those in need throughout the world.

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Sunday Service Times:

Traditional mixed with Contemporary

Worship @ 10:00 am

Sunday School 9:00 am

Online Sun 10:00 am @ www.bethelumchurch.org

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Please let us know if you or a family member wish a pastoral visit during a time of grief or hospitalization, including the birth of a child. We will pray & minister to you.

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